It was therefore placed for auction and it fetched only 300 rupees and by private negotiation it rose up to 600. After taking it for Rs. 600 the market was given to Mohamedkutty. Then the Department explained these difficulties to the Government and suggested certain alterations and Government after making certain alterations of their own accepted the suggestion.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വൈ. പണിക്കർ: മൂന്നു കൊല്ലത്തേക്ക് ഈ മാർക്കറ്റ് പൊട്ടത്തരിപ്പു ഗവൺമെൻറിലേക്ക് വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* The contractor is ready to surrender the market to anyone who is willing to take it tomorrow. The House will understand that there is no attempt to favour the contractor.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government make a further enquiry whether the contractor is willing to surrender the market next year?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* You can take the market for all the three years together. He will surrender it.

## BREEDING OF FISHES TO COMBAT MOSQUITO MENACE

**7. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) whether the Government has any scheme to breed the variety of fishes which live upon mosquito larvae;

(*b*) whether the Hon'ble Minister has promised to try whether such variety of fishes can be bred in the water-ponds in Ernakulam;

(*c*) whether the Government has ordered for conducting any researches whether there are any local variety of fishes which breed on mosquito larvae;

(*d*) whether the Government be pleased to appoint a qualified person to conduct a research in this line or place the present Museum Superintendent on special duty to conduct researches to combat the mosquito menace in the State by breeding fishes which live upon mosquito larvae?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The experiment of breeding larvicidal fish was tried in the Chittur Taluk a few years back. But it was a

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failure there. The Public Health Department has however been asked to conduct the experiment in the southern parts of the State. Apart from this there is no other scheme.

(*b*) It was mentioned in the Council that the question of breeding the fish would be considered.

(*c*) The Department is asked to do the needful.

(*d*) The breeding of fishes that live upon mosquito larvae may help to reduce mosquito nuisance in certain restricted areas, but cannot be claimed as an effective method especially in coastal regions. A research in this line will however be conducted and proper measures will be taken in the near future.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know who was the officer responsible for the growing of fish in the Chittur Taluk?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Subject to correction, I think, it is the Director of Public Health and Panchayats.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* There was a scheme for training an expert in fisheries in Japan. What has happened to that ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* The question is under the consideration of the Diwan Peishkar who is the Head of the Department, and I think he has already submitted his report.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Has the idea matured ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* That depends upon the report of the Head of the Department. Government is considering the report.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* There was an undertaking in this House eight years ago that a man will be sent to Japan. I find nothing has been done.

**Mr. President :** That promise is time-barred.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Government realise that this is a very serious problem ?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. But it involves a very heavy expenditure. It costs about 12 to 15

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thousand rupees in Calicut and about 10 thousand rupees in Alleppey. If the Municipality is willing to come forward with the necessary funds it will be the duty of the Government to consider this question. That forms primarily the duty of the Municipality.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether it was a success at Alleppey or Calicut?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* To a very great extent. But I do not think that it is an air-proof one.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* During the last Budget Session there were several motions on this subject.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* But where is the fund to come from?

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* I belong to the opposition. I cannot find funds.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is the duty of the House to show the Government the where-with-all to meet this expenditure, for example a recommendation to levy a tax, etc.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur):* If we bring forward a measure to levy super-tax it will be opposed by Government by saying that they are to bring such recommendations.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Have the Government got a copy of the report on fisheries of the Madras Government?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* I had pointed out one method of revenue in my Income-tax Amendment Bill. But the Congress Party opposed it.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* They may have their reasons to oppose it.

## KOONAMOOCHI PEOPLE—GRIEVANCES OF

**8. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government have noted the representation of the Koonamoochi people in their memorial presented to the Hon'ble the Minister in Kumbham 1114, paragraphs 4 and 5 in pages 3 and 4 of the

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